

SILVER MEDAL OF BRAVERY

Lieutenant Charles Scott

Firefighter/Technician Daniel Hardin

Firefighter Robert Ruch

On June 2, 2011, Fire and Rescue responders arriving at the scene of a house fire learned that a person was trapped on the second floor. Because intense heat, dense smoke, and fire conditions prevented the team from making their way up the central stairs, Lieutenant Charles Scott ordered his crew to make access through a second-story window. The crew, consisting of Lieutenant Scott, Technician Daniel Hardin, and Firefighter Robert Ruch, entered through the window and searched the home without the protection of a hose line. Battling heat, flame, and limited visibility, the firefighters located an unconscious woman at the top of the stairs, and as a team, hoisted her through a window for transport to a local hospital. The victim later succumbed due to burns and smoke inhalation.

Despite the tragic outcome, Lieutenant Scott felt that his team had risked their lives above and beyond the call of duty, and therefore nominated them for this award.

For their brave and heroic actions, Lieutenant Charles Scott, Technician Daniel Hardin, and Firefighter Robert Ruch are hereby awarded the Silver Medal of Bravery.